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Remarks:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's prior art search and careful examination of this application, as well as the direction given during the telephone interview.

Daukss (US 5,295,811) was cited by the examiner as anticipating the present invention. Daukss has two drums – an inner drum, which has flights secured both to its inner surface and its outer surface, and an outer drum, to which no flights are secured. The only insulation in that reference is on the outside of the outer drum.

In our interview, we agreed to amend claim 1 to clarify that the insulation is located between the inner metal plate of the flight and the shell to which that flight is attached. That has been done in this Amendment.

With respect to claim 6, the Examiner thought the use of the word "shell" was confusing in that it might be confused with the use of the word "shell" when referring to the drum. We agreed to add the word "flight" as a modifier before "shell" in that claim in order to make it clear that what is being referred to in that claim is the shell of the flight, not the drum. That amendment has been made here as well.

This should put all the claims in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining problems with this application, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a call from the Examiner to help expedite their resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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